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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced Luso – American Foundation President, Rita Faden, and members Miguel Vas and Leonor Barroso. They were the guests of Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Doherty of Taunton, Oliveira of Ludlow, Silvia of Fall River and Vieira of Falmouth. They were accompanied by Senator Rodrigues.

Luso –
American
Foundation.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced 8th grade students from Tahanto Regional Middle-High School, who were seated in the House Chamber. They were visiting the State House as guests of Ms. Kilcoyne of Clinton; and they were accompanied by teachers and chaperones. Tahanto is part of the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District.

Tahanto
Regional
Middle-
High School
students.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Ferguson of Holden) congratulating the town of Rutland on the occasion of its tercentennial anniversary;

Rutland,
anniversary.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) recognizing Mark Richard Gregor on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Mark
Gregor.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) recognizing Colton Philip Simon on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Colton
Simon.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. González of Springfield) congratulating Mary Ellen Scales, RN, MSN, CIC, FAPIC, on her retirement from Baystate Health;

Mary Ellen
Scales.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Alexander D. Kapilian on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Alexander
Kapilian.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Brendan Louis O'Neill on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Brendan
O'Neill.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Ethan John Dunton on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Ethan
Dunton.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Shane McDermott on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Shane
McDermott.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Patrick John McGucken on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and

Patrick
McGucken.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Webster) congratulating and recognizing the Arthur R. Taft Memorial Trust for the successful renovation of the Uxbridge Unitarian Church.

Uxbridge,—
Unitarian Church
renovation.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

An Order (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Galvin of Canton) relative to the rescinding and expunging of all actions taken on Thursday, June 9, 2022 by the House in relation to House, No. 3837, was referred, under the Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

House, No.
3837,—
expunge
record and
actions taken
on June 9.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Wong of Saugus the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Mr. Galvin then moved that the vote be reconsidered and, there being no objection, the motion was considered forthwith; and it was negatived.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4845) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to grant certain licenses for the temporary sale of alcoholic beverages in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Wellesley,—
liquor
licenses.

By Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4846) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Deerfield be authorized to eliminate the appointed tax collector/town clerk/treasurer in said town and create an appointed town clerk and an appointed town treasurer-collector; and

Deerfield,—
appointed
positions.

By Ms. Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4847) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the term of office for city council assistant for the city of Holyoke.

Holyoke,—
city council
assistant.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4848) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer in the town of Dedham. To the committee on Public Service.

Dedham,—
police
officers.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Zorianna Petrosyan relative to school start times for middle and high school students.

Schools,—
start times.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin for legislation to limit rent increases and create a rental arbitrator within the office of the Attorney General.

Rent,—
arbitration.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 4367; and by inserting before the enacting clause and emergency preamble) of the Senate Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security (Senate, No. 2554), recommending the passage of a Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security (Senate, No. 2924), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been accepted by said branch. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Voting,—
regulate.

A Bill regulating central service technicians (Senate, No. 2933) (on Senate bill No. 2913), passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Medical
technicians.

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police (Senate, No. 2841) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Somerville,—
Charles J.
Femino.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2925) of Ryan C. Fattman, Peter J. Durant and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize raising the maximum retirement age of special police officers in the town of Charlton to 70 years old, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Charlton,—
police
officers.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to the theft of vehicle catalytic converters (House, No. 4656);and

Theft.

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Lee to a select board (House, No. 4729) [Local Approval Received];

Lee,—
select board.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill relative to Massachusetts's transportation resources and climate (House, No. 4798), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4867) [Bond Issue: General

Transportation
resources and
climate,—
bonds.

Obligation Bonds: \$5,786,100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 876, 879 and 3837, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to recycling and hazardous materials (House, No. 4865). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Recycling and hazardous materials,— study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to recycling and hazardous materials (House, No. 4865) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3837) of Sheila C. Harrington relative to liability for release of hazardous materials,— and recommending that the same be discharged to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Hazardous materials.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans with post-traumatic stress (House, No. 3664). Referred; under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Veterans, post-traumatic stress.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, No. 4720, a Bill investing in future opportunities for resiliency, workforce, and revitalized downtowns (House, No. 4864). Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Economic development.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill granting creditable service to Cheryl DiLisio, an employee of Nahant public schools (House, No. 4778).

Cheryl DiLisio,— creditable service.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill ensuring equitable representation in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3115).

Demographic data.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting governmental efficiency (House, No. 3194).

Open meeting law.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill providing for timely reimbursement of cities and towns for veterans' benefits (House, No. 3640).

Veterans,— reimbursements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing annuity for disabled veterans and gold star families (House, No. 3668).

Veterans,— annuities.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill providing certain death benefits for the widow of a former firefighter of the City of Boston (House, No. 4454) [Local Approval Received].

Maria Rodriguez,—
benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4774).

Thomas Harmon,—
creditable
service.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Dr. Heidi Tarr Henson, an employee of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see Senate, No. 2863); and

Bills
enacted.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jacquelyne Foley, an employee of the Department of Early Education and Care (see Senate, No. 2884);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Berkley to grant 1 additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2788) (which originated in the Senate); and

Id.

Authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police officer Gary Sibilia (see House, No. 3988, amended) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill providing for certain changes to the town charter in the town of Middleborough (Senate, No. 2778) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Establishing the Framingham Economic Development Corporation in the city of Framingham (House, No. 4352 (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third
reading
bills.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Bedford as the Major Barry Allan Seidman, USAF memorial bridge (House, No. 4446); and

Authorizing the town of Rochester to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4747); (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House bills

Relative to the town of Avon (House, No. 510); and

Establishing a pilot program allowing for in-person payment of daily parking fees at certain commuter rail stations operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3461);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Second
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eighteen minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.